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TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Economic Committee

A. Development and international economic cooperation

1. The Economic Committee considered the question of development and international economic cooperation (agenda item 15) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60).

2. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the questions of development and international economic cooperation (agenda item 15), transnational corporations (agenda item 15 (d)), transport of dangerous goods (agenda item 15 (j)) and economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (agenda item 15 (l)).

3. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), the Russian Federation, China, Japan, Ukraine, Brazil, Belarus, Romania, Colombia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Chile and Kuwait and the observer for Venezuela.

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5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, made statements.

6. At the 8th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Poland and Bangladesh.

B. Transnational corporations

7. The Economic Committee considered the question of transnational corporations (agenda item 15 (d)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30). 1/

8. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

9. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the Deputy to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

C. Transport of dangerous goods

10. The Economic Committee considered the question of transport of dangerous goods (agenda item 15 (j)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1993/57).

11. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

12. At the 7th meeting, on 15 July, the representative of the Economic Commission for Europe made an introductory statement.

D. Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

13. The Economic Committee considered the question of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (agenda item 15 (l)) at its 7th, 8th and 14th meetings, on 15 and 23 July 1993. It had before it the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (DP/1993/L.9).

14. At the 7th and 8th meetings, on 15 July, the Committee held a general discussion on the item (see paras. 2 to 6 above).

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World Economic Survey, 1993

15. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60) (see para. 16 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

16. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

The Economic and Social Council takes not of the World Economic Survey, 1993. 2/

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

17. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session contained one draft resolution and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

18. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of the Commission on Transnational Corporations" (see para. 22 below, draft resolution).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

19. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations" (see para. 23 below, draft decision I).

Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as related to transnational corporations

20. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II entitled "Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as related to transnational corporations" (see para. 23 below, draft decision II).

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Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

21. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30) (see para. 23 below, draft decision III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

22. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON ITS NINETEENTH SESSION (E/1993/30)]

23. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS ON ITS NINETEENTH SESSION (E/1993/30)]

DRAFT DECISION III

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session. 3/

Recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

24. Chapter I of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods contained one draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Council.

Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

25. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods".

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 10 (E/1993/30).

26. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of the Economic Commission for Europe, in which he informed the Committee that there were no programme budget implications for the draft resolution, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 27 below, draft resolution).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

27. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SEE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (E/1993/57)]

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

28. At the 14th meeting, on 23 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (DP/1993/L.9) (see para. 29 below).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

29. The Economic Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. 4/

4/ DP/1993/L.9.